GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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NFSA IN ASSAM
Tasa Shri Kamakhya Prasad

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam has submitted any proposal to the Government enumerating certain condi- tions to roll out the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and continued supply of foodgrains to Tea Garden labourers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): A request for allocation of foodgrains under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) was received from Government of Assam. Before imple- mentation of the Act, States/Union Territory (UTs) are required to complete various preparatory acti- vities and have to certify their preparedness. As per the status of preparedness reported by Assam Government, they have not completed all the requi- red activities. Accordingly, Assam Government has been requested to complete all the preparatory activities before release of foodgrains under the Act.

Allocation of foodgrains to Assam however is continuing under existing Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) as before. As informed by the State Government, out of allocation for APL households, certain quantities of wheat and rice are being allocated to Tea Associations for distri- bution amongst tea garden workers.